



250th Anniversary Committee

January 20, 2016 Minutes

Present: Rebecca Hutchinson, Cherie Sanborn, Bernie Cameron, Mal Cameron, Roger Marquis, Bonnie Heisey, Paul Murphy, Dean Young, Doreen Schibbelhute, Jan Clark, Mary Ellen Moran, Fran Menard, Torin Judd, Chuck Reese, Tyler Reese, Tom Tanguay, Don Tordoff, Edie, Kimball, Walt Kutylowski, Aron DeBacco, Dee Jones, Jack Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Sign in, attendance, and celebratory sparkling cider toasts to one another for a successful January 9 Incorporation Commemoration.

Jan 9 event review: Boy Scouts helped with dinner set up and clean up, and escorted guests with old fashioned lanterns up and down Church Street; “rolling seating” for dinner went smoothly; videos in sanctuary were appreciated; many folks dressed in period costumes; town hall ceremony was successful; young people enjoyed playing music to begin the ceremony; displays by Historical Society and Heritage Commission were greatly appreciated; upstairs video and audio feed for overflow crowd worked well; Boy Scouts cleared the chairs upstairs for contra dance.

Merrick Oxnard’s poem will be published in The Forum print edition

December minutes approved with typographical changes.

Financial Report: (Jack) See attached report.

Inventory Report: (Jack) See attached report. Call Richard Moore to special order a calendar. Radio Grove Hardware in Raymond has our items on sale (no tees) and most everything except clothing is available at Country Berries. Booklets and license plates are available at GBW. Jack and Edie have all other inventory.

Parade Report: (Jack) See attached list of confirmed participants.

April 16 Events and Plan: (Jack) Town-wide clean-up is 9AM – 11AM, followed by the Chili and Chowdah lunch in the Town Hall 11AM – 1PM. Various town organizations (library, police, social services) set up tables with free items and information. We’ll have Beard Growing Contest judging around mid-day (Rebecca).

The archeological excavation of the outhouse (Dick Boisvert) will start after the clean-up and likely run through the afternoon. We can:

1. Help publicize and recruit.
2. The chili and chowdah is donated by generous townsfolk, and in addition to chili and soups, the feast includes a smoothie bar and healthy deserts. We can help recruit cooks to bring food to serve and join in the cooking

Denny Greig leads the event. Karen Leavitt will coordinate our participation. We discussed bringing in some music.

Antique and Classic Car and Truck Shows: (Doreen Schibbellhute and Dean Young)

There is no conflict with other area car shows Saturday, July 16. After committee input and discussion, we came to the following conclusions:

- We're concerned about scale – getting too large and less a community celebration. We're working for a regional event of current and former Deerfield and surrounding towns plus friends and family, not a repeat of the widely sourced attendance at the Christmas Stroll. Perhaps this requires caution in advertising.
- Owners prefer grass to gravel.
- Our working plan is to use the tractor pull staging area and, if needed, the Gate D employee parking area. The upside is there is plenty of space, show will be visible from many other events, and there are vehicle gates direct to the access roads. Downside is only a couple of gates for people to enter to see the cars.
- Organizing the cars by era from oldest to newest would be interesting. Both old and young people would enjoy seeing the changes over time.
- If the participants dressed in costume of the time period of their vehicle, this would add to the enjoyment.
- A car show Saturday and a truck show Sunday would work well for us.
- Doreen and Dean felt that the show should be judged. We could award trophies for each category and a framed \$100 bill on a Best of Show plaque. We asked them to bring back their recommendations for categories and prizes
- Participants could be pre-registered as a control on numbers and variety.

Doreen and Dean will organize and get back to the committee with their proposed plan.

Parade Report: (Bernie) Parade committee members (Carol, Roger, Torin, Bonnie, Richard and Chuck) are working to recruit participants. A list of all local businesses was passed out and members for edit and comment. Some members noted businesses where they have established relationships and could help make contact about parade participation. They were passed to Roger, who will follow up. Contact Roger with questions: 463-9245 Web address: marqur58@gmail .com

Brian Winslow will be leading the community marching band which will include DCS band members and other Deerfield musicians. Walt needs his email address.

We want to encourage neighborhood groups and family groups to participate as well.

Reenactors: (Bernie) Civil War and French and Indian War reactors are confirmed for Saturday and Sunday. The French and Indian War contingent will camp on the northwest side of the fair midway and use the midway space for drills and demonstrations. We will provide garden produce and firewood. All groups will march in the parade. Bernie is working on getting Revolutionary War unit and perhaps colonial militia to represent the time of Deerfield's incorporation.

Variety Show: (Mal & Walt) Outline for the show is complete, but they are still looking for an accompanist (keyboard/drums), Skits are being streamlined. Folks are still needed for props and costuming, and individual performances; for example, singers, magicians, or individual musicians. Deb Kelly earlier offered to organize a dance flash mob. We'll try to recruit Martha O'Connell. Carolyn O'Neal offered to organize a water ballet act.

Kelly Ayotte document: (Jack) Draft Jack offered commended and approved. Will forward to Kelly Ayotte's staff to be read by Senator Ayotte on the Senate floor.

Quest of historic sites: Possible event not chaired by anyone. . .

Critical Path for July weekend:

Traffic control & Parking – anticipate hiring police details and perhaps parking attendants.

Ticket sales and gate attendants – anticipate hiring this work to free Deerfield crowd to attend the events, not be working.

Provision for rain – Parade could go later or be moved to Sunday (have a plan for how that would work with Sunday schedule). We'd be without the band on Sunday – so perhaps recorded music? Bean bag tournament could move inside a building. Reenactors would have their tents. Excavator Rodeo could move to Sunday. We plan to have a large tent – could use that for some activities. Fireworks will move to Monday evening if Sunday is too wet at 9:15PM. We will lose the Timberlane Community Band if they can't play Sunday evening. Art show is already indoors. We'll do more planning here.

Other:

Rebecca suggested a formal invitation letter to be sent to Deerfield ex-pats and to family members we'd like to invite. She asked the group to forward names and addresses of people we'd like to invite and a number of names were mentioned. Others said they would like to have copies to mail themselves to family and friends. Rebecca will work with Torin to draft the invitation.

Jack will draft a parade entry form which will include a request for information about the business (advertising) or group which will be read by the announcer as they pass the reviewing stand.

We have a contract with Nevers' Band and are close with Timberlane Community Band (and confirmed on their schedule).

Jack and Dan Briggs met with Ryan Hazelton and Deb Foss of Anderson Equipment on Monday. They worked out details of the Excavator Rodeo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones & Jack Hutchinson

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
GBW BUILDING
6:30 PM